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Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Meeting; Automatic and Manual Roaming  
Obligations Pertaining to Commercial Mobile Radio Services, WT  
Docket No. 00-193**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you that on September 19, 2002, Michael Rosenthal of Southern Communications Services, Inc. and Christine Gill of McDermott, Will & Emery met with David Hu, Susan Singer and Linda Ray of the Commercial Wireless Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to discuss the status of the above referenced docket and to apprise the Commission of the progress of the implementation of the Roaming Agreement between Southern and Nextel Communications, Inc. Southern also discussed its inability to obtain a commercially reasonable roaming agreement from Nextel Partners and the Commission's need to adopt a mandatory automatic roaming rule.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, one copy of this *ex parte* notice is filed electronically for inclusion in the record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Christine M. Gill

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